

### Urdu Language as the Second Official Language in the State.

365 SRI QUAMARUL ISLAM (Gulbarga).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether Government intends to give 'Urdu' Language the Status of Second official language in the State in accordance with the recommendations of Sri I. K. Gujral, Committee Report;

(b) If so, when ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM —Sir, the Congress-I party in its election manifesto, very clearly promised that wherever Urdu language is prevalent, it will be given second official language status. In this connection, I want to know whether your Government will keep up this promise?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—It is not the question of keeping of promise. There are so many languages in the State like Tamil Telugu, Marathi *etc.*, and if once we start to give official status, naturally everybody will claim the samething. The Government is examining how best we can give priority to the Urdu language.

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM—For this purpose, a Committee was formed in 1974 under the Chairmanship of Sri I. K. Gujral and that Committee has given a report. In that report it is very clearly mentioned that Urdu could be given second official language status in the states where considerable number of people know Urdu. I want to know, under the light of that report, whether the Government is thinking of giving second official language status to the Urdu language?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—The Government is also examining that Report.

MR. SPEAKER.—Questions are over

### QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

#### Cutting trees from Malki areas

80 SRI D. V. WAINGANKAR (Karwar). --Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:--

(a) the total number of applications from all the talukes of Uttar Kannada District and the Khanapur taluk of the Belgaum District requesting for permission to cut the trees from their Malki areas.